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July 2018

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Register Now, Save Now!



Register by July 15th to save \$10 on your registration for our August 4 Seminar with renowned genealogist J. Mark Lowe.

He is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer who specializes in original records and manuscripts throughout the South.

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Jim Thornhill

September 8 General Meeting

Please join us at our next general meeting which will begin at 11:00 a.m. on September 8. After a short business meeting, Betsy Mills will be discussing 'Dating, Identifying, Preserving, and Sharing Old Photos'.



Our general meetings are free and open to the public. Come early (refreshments begin at 10:30) and try to stump our volunteer researchers with your family history questions. See our [website for additional information about our next general meeting](#).

Lisa Ross

Attend a Seminar for Free!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any non-profit organization, and



the Dallas Genealogical Society is no exception.

If you have attended one of our seminars you know that a lot of people volunteer to help make it a pleasant, enjoyable and smooth running event: We always get great feedback from our attendees.

As a way of rewarding all that hard work, one lucky volunteer at our August 4 Seminar is going to win free admission to an upcoming seminar of their choice. Volunteers will be given a drawing ticket for each task they perform. At the end of the seminar we will draw one ticket. The more you volunteer, the more chances you will have to win.

Signing up is simple... we have an easy to use webpage listing all the tasks. Most are at times that will not get in the way of your being able to attend all of the seminar sessions.

[Sign Up Now](#)

Jim Thornhill

Bockstruck Book Collection Donated to the DGS

The family of Lloyd D. Bockstruck generously donated his personal library of more than 400 genealogy and historical books to the Dallas Genealogical Society. DGS will offer the collection to the Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library.



On June 7, DGS members Tony Hanson, Barbara Ware, Patrick McKinney and Suzan Younger collected twenty-one boxes of books and transported them to the Dallas Public Library. The Genealogy Section is providing temporary storage space on the 8th floor of the Dallas Public Library. Patrick McKinney, Barbara Ware and Suzan Younger are in the process of inventorying the collection and checking the Dallas Public Library catalog for call numbers of books already owned by the library. The inventory will identify books as "owned" or "not owned" by the library, giving the library the option to replace worn books with duplicates from the Bockstruck library.

The DGS board will decide how to dispose of books not accepted by the Dallas Public Library, with priority given to genealogy sections in other North Texas libraries. If you have ideas or suggestions please contact Suzan (at technologysig@dallasgenealogy.org) or any board member.

Suzan Younger

Be a Witness to the Longest History Lesson!

On August 24, 2018 Andrew Torget, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History at the University of North Texas, along with a class of students, will attempt to set a world record for the longest continual history class and have it recorded by the Guinness



Book of World Records (GBWR). Dr. Torget will teach his semester-long Texas history course in a single, 24-hour marathon session.

The entire attempt will be live streamed on the Portal to Texas History website. In concert with this, the Portal will be doing fundraising for the *Cathy Nelson Hartman Portal to Texas History Endowment*, a fund DGS and our members have generously supported.

To verify that the record is set within the conditions outlined by GBWR, the UNT Libraries are seeking volunteers to witness the attempt. Witnesses will be asked to show up an hour before their 4-hour shift, so the total commitment will be 5 hours.

Witnesses will have to make log book entries based on their observations during their shift and provide their contact information. Guinness may follow up with witnesses to ensure they are independent as they verify evidence.

[Sign up to express your interest!](#)

Kathleen Murray

Fall Seminar with David Rencher

Save the Date!

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Irish Genealogical Research: Finding Your Ancestors on the Emerald Isle

David E. Rencher, AG, CG, FUGA, FIGRS, is employed as the Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch. A professional genealogist since 1977, he is one of the rare few who have earned both credentials: Accredited Genealogist with ICAPGen in Ireland research and Certified Genealogist® with the Board for Certification of Genealogists®.



Since 1997, he serves as the Irish course coordinator and instructor for the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (IGHR). He is a past-president of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Utah Genealogical Association. He currently serves on the Board of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

David is a Fellow of the Utah Genealogical Association and the Irish Genealogical Research Society, London, and is currently an instructor for the British Institute where he also serves as a Trustee of the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History.

Kathleen Murray

Special Interest Groups



Our Special Interest Groups present a great opportunity to learn and to meet others interested in their family history. All groups meet at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library ([1515 Young Street](#)). There is no charge, and you do not need to be a DGS member to attend.

Please join us at one our our upcoming meetings:

- [July 18 \(Wednesday\): Jewish Group](#) - 10:00 1:00 - 8th Floor McDermott Room
- [July 28 \(Saturday\): Brown Bag Group](#) - 10:30 1:00 - 8th Floor McDermott Room
- [August 11 \(Saturday\): MacGen Reunion Group](#) - 1:00 13:00 - 8th Floor McDermott Room
- [August 15 \(Wednesday\): Jewish Group](#) - 10:00 1:00 - 8th Floor McDermott Room
- [August 18\(Saturday\): Brown Bag Group](#) - 10:30 1:00 - 8th Floor McDermott Room

Tony Hanson

Save the Date: September 20, 2018

Help the Dallas Genealogical Society digitize Newsletters published between 1976 and 2015 by donating on September 20. We need a total of \$2,000 to meet our goal of digitizing the entire collection and having it hosted on the Portal to Texas History.

This will be the focus of our efforts as we once again participate in the North Texas Giving Day. More information will be provided as we get closer to September.



Tony Hanson

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